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NEW DELHI : Indian Church leaders say an official American group's move to blacklist India for its poor record of protecting religious minorities is a wakeup call for the country.

The **United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)** says India's response to attacks on religious minorities in recent years has been inadequate.

The **USCIRF** is an independent panel that provides recommendations to the US government. It released its latest report in New Delhi on Aug. 12 ahead of the first anniversary of violence against Christians in Orissa state in eastern India.